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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: XV, TGEN, TPHY

SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC MEETING ON MINERAL RESOURCES

REF: STATE 90712

1. OTA (MOFA, SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION) CONTACTED SCICOUNS BY TELEPHONE APRIL 26 TO RESPOND TO SCICOUNS INQUIRY CONCERNING GOJ VIEWS OF FRENCH TERMS OF REFERENCE (REFTEL, PARA. 11). OTA STATED MOFA HAS HAD DIFFICULTY DRAWING CONCRETE CONCLUSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. JAPANESE WERE UNCLEAR AS TO FRENCH INTENTIONS WHEN TERMS OF REFERENCE FIRST RECEIVED, AND MADE INQUIRY TO GOF. GOF REPORTEDLY SAID TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE NOT FINAL AND THAT FRENCH AWAITING REACTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS. AT TIME OF JAPANESE INQUIRY (APRIL 16), FRENCH HAD NOT RECEIVED VIEWS OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. OTA HAS REQUESTED THAT, IF USG HAS SPECIFIC COUNTER-PROPOSALS IN MIND, THESE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOJ. GOJ IS WILLING TO CONSIDER US PROPOSALS AND WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT THEM IF THEY ARE ABLE TO EXAMINE THEM. IF US SIDE UNABLE TO PROVIDE PROPOSALS TO JAPANESE, THEY (JAPANESE) WILL SIMPLY REMAIN SILENT UNTIL APRIL 30 DEADLINE IS PAST.

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3. REQUESTED ACTION: IF USG PROPOSALS AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION
BY JAPANESE, PLEASE FORWARD ASAP. WE WILL TRANSMIT TO MOFA
AND REPORT GOJ REACTION.
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